

## Longview Recognized as Certified Retirement Community

In January 2008, Longview was named a "Certified Retirement Community" by the State of Texas, becoming the seventh community in the state to be certified.

Launched in June 2006, the Texas Department of Agriculture's CRC initiative helps rural Texas communities attract retirees and potential retirees to reside in their respective regions. The CRC program also encourages Texas tourism while promoting the state as a desirable destination to current and future retirees across the country. Texas is the second most popular retirement state, and native Texans account for one-fifth of retirees returning to Texas.

"I want to extend my most sincere congratulations to the citizens and leaders of Longview for achieving this notable certification," Commissioner Staples said. "Not only do retirees have a significant economic impact on retirement areas, but they also bring a wealth of brainpower and energy for community service and part-time jobs."

"The City of Longview is proud to be named a Certified Retirement Community. With a strong local economy, excellent health care, low cost of living, and the beauty of East Texas, we believe Longview is a great place to live for people of all ages," Longview Mayor Jay Dean said.

To become a CRC, communities must complete an application and assessments covering a wide range of topics including demographics, tax structure, local housing availability, safety, employment opportunities, availability of health care services, public transportation, and more. The application also includes support from the community, a marketing plan and a long-term plan. An advisory team representing leaders in business, healthcare, city government and state government review and score the applications.

Through the Longview Certified Retirement Program, relocating retirees can:

- Discover Longview's amenities and opportunities
- Schedule a visit and tour
- Find detailed information about relocating to Longview

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